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In Re Application of **Stev MERCER et al.**

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Group Art Unit  
**2831**

Title: **MODULAR BACKPLANE FOR INDUSTRIAL COMPUTERS**

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**Preliminary Amendment**

in the above identified application.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Sir:

Please amend the subject application, as indicated below:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

After the title and before the first paragraph on page 1, insert the following heading at the left-hand margin:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION--

insert the following new paragraph at the left-hand margin:

--The subject matter of this invention is related to Provisional Application Serial No. 60/219,013, filed July 19, 2000. The subject matter of said application is hereby incorporated by reference.--;